



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Wednesday 11th December 2024

This is the last newsletter for the 2024 year. What a busy year it has been! We have included below some key pieces of information you will need between now and the start of the new school year on the 3rd of February 2025. We hope that you have an enjoyable holiday season and we look forward to catching up with you again in the New Year.

STAFF

A huge thank you to all the Paremata School staff for their hard work and dedication in 2024. Everybody has done a fantastic job keeping the school running well and the tamariki safe and settled.

CLASS LISTS / MEET THE TEACHERS / REPORTS



Class lists will be given out this Friday 13th and children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher briefly from 1:45-2:15pm. A lot of time, thought and effort has gone into these placements focusing on children's leadership, social and academic opportunities for 2024. Due to the logistical difficulty of placing over 350 children these lists are now final.

Reports will be emailed out on Friday morning, please advise the office if you have changed your email address.

WEEK 9 - ASSEMBLY - Friday 13th @ 11:15am hosted by Ruma Pukeko.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our final assembly will be held on **Tuesday 17th December** starting at **11.45am**. This is an assembly to finish off the year and farewell our Year 8s and other students leaving Paremata School. Children will return to their classrooms after assembly and will be dismissed for the year at 12.30pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - TUESDAY

After school care will be available from 12.30pm on Tuesday. If you wish your child to attend and you **are not** a regular user, please email Raewyn Caldwell afterschoolcare@paremata.school.nz.

STATIONERY - ONLINE STATIONERY PACKS - QIZZLE →

Great news for parents! We have partnered with School Packs by Qizzle again to simplify your back-to-school preparations. Order your child's 2025 stationery from schoolpacks.co.nz (from Friday 13th December) and have it delivered straight to your doorstep on a date that suits you - perfect for when you're back from the bach or beach! Not only does every order come with a FREE planner and marker, but your purchases also earn rewards for our school. Plus, with the Lay-Buy option, you can buy now and pay later, making the process even easier.



Get started now and be back to school ready!

<https://schoolpacks.co.nz/paremata-school/>

Please ensure that your child has all of their stationery items at the beginning of the year. As you may have some of the books, pens, pencils on the list; **you only need to order what you don't have.**

LOST PROPERTY - We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment. This is displayed in the office foyer. It will be packed up and sent to a charity at the end of the year.



SCHOOL DONATION SCHEME 2025

Thank you to all those families who have embraced our family contribution donations for 2024. The contribution will remain the same for 2025. As stated in last week's newsletter, moving forward next year, we may have to reduce the number of outings the classes go on as the families who contribute cannot keep sustaining the number of families who are not. Families are able to get a 33% refund of their school donations using the receipts from school. Using MyIR you upload these receipts into the system.

Family Contribution for 2025

1 Child \$250 2 or more Children \$350

Technology

Technology for Year 7&8s – \$80 for the year

Options For Payments

There is a range of options for payment of these contributions.

- One off payment at the start of the year / Eftpos at the office
- Payment once a term (statements are sent out)
- Online into our bank account – ASB 12-3254-0048796-00
- Regular direct credits into our bank account
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	Family Contribution Donation	One Payment	Term Pay	Term Pay with Technology
1 child	250	250	62.50	82.50
2 or more	350	350	87.50	107.50
Yr 7/8 Technology				80



The Staff and Board hope you have a safe and relaxed holiday break and we look forward to seeing you back with us on Monday 3rd February 2025. Good luck and best wishes to all those families leaving Paremata School.

Merry Christmas – Matua Bryce

WAKA AMA - Room 14 /Takahē

My favourite moment was when I got splashed by the wave because we were gliding and dashing through the massive wave. The funniest moment was when me, Marley, Linkyn and Ziara had to jump out of the amazing waka into the freezing cold water because we had to push the really really heavy waka on to the tyres.



The moment I will always remember is when our waka was zooming on the water. We were going as fast as Usain Bolt. I am grateful to Anne because she took us from school to Onepoto and from Onepoto back to school. She also helped us paddle the waka as well as Dean, and Andy to help us steer the waka.

If I go to do waka ama again I would like to have a shower before I get dressed. Overall, I think waka ama is amazing, fantastic, wonderful and so many more great things. It's so good for trying to be fitter and it's so fun. I had a great time.



Thank you, Rachel, Lawrence, Andy, Jason, Whaea Wendy and all the parent helpers. BY Campbell

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. PRE-XMAS HP runs from 19-20 December 2024. January HP runs from 13 January -31 January 2025.

Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports fun. We have some exciting days planned including: *Bat & Ball Day, H2O Let's Go! Dodgeball Mania, Ball Blast, Basketball Stars, Super Summer Sports, Kids Choice, It's all about the Splash, Kiwi Sports Day plus trips to Ice Skating, Ten Pin Bowling and Te Papa, Wgtn Zoo, Awesome Bounce plus Zappo is coming to Kelly Sports and lots more..*

This sports-based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN.

To enrol www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 021 972 728

THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS: WIN \$1000 TO SPEND AT JB HI-FI

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's *The Star of Christmas* singing competition on *The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show!* The grand prize? **\$1000** in JB Hi-Fi gift cards!

If you can sing, and are under 13, email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol to christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz before the 18th December. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 8am to see if you've won! If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me via email (malorie@loveit.nz) or call on 027 464 8159.



January Holiday Fun – Have you booked and locked in your plans?

Join Bigair Gyms popular January 2025 Holiday Programme for those 5yrs and above!

Kids will enjoy gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.

Contact Info & January Holiday Programme Dates:

- **Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay & Tawa:** 13th – 31st January (3 weeks)
ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.
- **Bigair Gym Tawa:** 13th – 31st January (3 weeks)
ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.
- **Bigair Gym Kapiti:** 21st – 31st January (2 weeks)
ph. 297 0400, e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz at 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

Morning, Afternoon and Full Day Sessions available.

Spaces are limited and are already filling up, so we recommend securing your spot early to avoid disappointment after Christmas.

Book now at www.bigairgym.co.nz.

Keep your children active, learning and engaged with Bigair Gym this summer!

🎄🌟 Countdown to Christmas with Kai Tahu Porirua! 🌟🎄

Join us for ****12 Days to Christmas**, a series of **FREE** family-friendly activities from ****December 13th to December 24th** at 20 Parumoana Street, Porirua

Get ready to embrace the holiday spirit with a fantastic lineup of events designed to bring joy and togetherness to our community. 🎉 From festive crafts and games to live performances and delicious treats, we have something for everyone to enjoy!

This year's celebration is not just about the season, but also an exciting introduction to the amazing events we have planned for 2025! 🥰

Mark your calendars and spread the word—let's make this Christmas unforgettable together! See you there!



RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2025

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin.

To register for 2025 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 22nd February 2025.

www.raroamusic.org.nz